1. The United States Constitution, Amendment VII, provides:

"In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

2. Rule 51 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides:

"Instructions to Jury: Objection

"At the close of the evidence or at such earlier time during the trial as the court reasonably directs, any party may file written requests that the court instruct the jury on the law as set forth in the requests. The court shall inform counsel of its proposed action upon the requests prior to their arguments to the jury, but the court shall instruct the jury after the arguments are completed. No party may assign as error the giving or the failure to give an instruction unless he objects thereto before the jury retires to consider its verdict, stating distinctly the matter to which he objects and the grounds of his objection. Opportunity shall be given to make the objection out of the hearing of the jury."

3. Section 104 of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, 77 Purdon's Pa. Stat. Ann. § 22, provides:

"The term 'employe', as used in this act is declared

to be synonymous with servant, and includes—

"All natural persons who perform services for another for a valuable consideration, exclusive of persons whose employment is casual in character and not in the regular course of the business of the employer, and exclusive of persons to whom articles or materials are given out to be made up, cleaned, washed, altered, ornamented, finished or repaired, or adapted for sale in the worker's own home, or on other premises, not under the control or management of the employer. Every executive officer of a corporation elected or appointed in accordance with the charter and by-laws of

the corporation, except elected officers of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, shall be an employe of the corporation."

Section 203 of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, 77 Purdon's Pa. Stat. Ann. § 52, provides:

"An employer who permits the entry upon premises occupied by him or under his control of a laborer or an assistant hired by an employe or contractor, for the performance upon such premises of a part of the employer's regular business entrusted to such employe or contractor, shall be liable to such laborer or assistant in the same manner and to the same extent as to his own employe."

Section 302(b) of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, 77 Purdon's Pa. Stat. Ann. § 462, provides:

"After December thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, an employer who permits the entry, upon premises occupied by him or under his control, of a laborer or an assistant hired by an employe or contractor, for the performance upon such premises of a part of the employer's regular business entrusted to that employe or contractor, shall be conclusively presumed to have agreed to pay to such laborer or assistant compensation in accordance with the provisions of article three, unless the employer shall post in a conspicuous place, upon the premises where the laborer's or assistant's work is done, a notice of his intention not to pay such compensation, and unless there be filed with the department within ten days thereafter, a true copy of such notice, together with proof of the posting of the same, setting forth upon oath or affirmation the time, place, and manner of such posting; and after December thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, any such laborer or assistant who shall enter upon premises occupied by or under control of such employer, for the purpose of doing such. work, shall be conclusively presumed to have agreed to accept the compensation provided in article three, in lieu of his right of action under article two, unless he shall have given notice in writing to the employer, at the time of entering upon such employer's premises for

the purpose of doing his work, of his intention not to accept such compensation, and unless within ten days thereafter, there shall have been filed with the department a true copy of such notice, accompanied by proof of service thereof upon such employer, setting forth under oath or affirmation the time, place, and manner of such service. And in such cases, where article three binds such employer and such laborer or assistant, it shall not be in effect between the intermediate employer or contractor and such laborer or assistant, unless otherwise expressly agreed."

Section 427 of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, 77 Purdon's Pa. Stat. Ann. § 872, provides:

"Any party may appeal from any action of the board on matters of the law to the court of common pleas of the county in which the accident occurred or of the county in which the adverse party resides or has a permanent place of business, or, by agreement of the parties, to the court of common pleas of any other county of this Commonwealth: Provided, That no such appeal shall be taken to the court of common pleas of Allegheny County, but in Allegheny County all such appeals shall be taken to the county court of Allegheny County, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction of such appeals."

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